

**COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

**Chairman:** Mr. Steve C. Davis

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday February 8, 2010**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, 6:37 at p.m.

**PRESENT:** Acting Chairman Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex officio; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8 was excused.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Acting Chairman C. Davis called the meeting to order and asked for the approval of minutes from the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety held on January 11, 2010.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**A. Mr. Rembert Wrenn, Berkeley County Fire Commissioner**, Re: Transfer of pool fire fees to the following Rural Fire Departments:

1. Jamestown Rural Fire Department      \$18,000.00 (Insurance and matching grant).

Mr. Wrenn greeted the Committee and stated that the transfer of the following pool fire fees have been authorized by the Berkeley County Fire Board. The actual amount that is requested is \$19,000.00 for the Jamestown Fire Department for insurance and the 5% match for a grant. The FEMA grant is for a \$260,000 fire truck. The grant will be received from FEMA when the 5% matching funds are deposited.

Mr. Wrenn requested that \$12,000.00 be transferred to the Eadytown Rural Fire Department to make repairs to the station and reimburse Eadytown for a drive way repair. Berkeley County supplies the labor and the fire department purchases the material.

Mr. Wrenn continued with some fire department statistics. In 2008, the fire departments responded to 9,372 calls. First Responders handled 70% of the calls. In 2009, 9,096 calls were dispatched to the fire departments.

Ms. Nicole Ewing, County Attorney, stated for clarification that Mr. Wrenn requested \$19,000, but the two items totaled \$21,000.

Mr. Wrenn explained that the Board approved \$19,000. The Agenda stated \$18,000 in error.

Committee Member Callanan stated the Eadytown transfer is for \$12,000.

Mr. Wrenn explained that the funds in the amount of \$12,000 was approved by the Board.

Ms. Ewing stated that the Jamestown request was for a match of \$13,000 for a FEMA grant and the insurance was \$8,000.

Mr. Wrenn continued that the Berkeley County Training Center had 1,224 training burns in 2009. The Burn Facility is charged \$500 per day and \$100 per day for the classroom.

Mr. Wrenn stated that the insurance was \$5,000.

Committee Member Callanan stated that would be a total of \$18,000 for Jamestown Fire Department.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Schurilknight to **approve the transfer of pool fire fees to the Jamestown Rural Fire Department** in the amount of **\$18,000.00** for insurance and a matching grant. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

2. Eadytown Rural Fire Department \$13,000.00 (Repairs to Fire Station and refund to County Roads and Bridges for drive way repair).

Committee Member Callanan stated for clarification that the total for Eadytown is \$13,000.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **approve the transfer of pool fire fees to the Eadytown Rural Fire Department** in the amount of **\$13,000.00** for repairs to the Fire Station and a refund to County Roads and Bridges for driveway repair. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**B. Consideration of a Resolution** authorizing the County Supervisor to enter into **Inter-jurisdictional and Mutual Aid Agreements** for law enforcement purposes after consultation with the Sheriff and County Attorney and ratification of all such prior agreements.

Sheriff DeWitt explained that the Agreements are needed to join forces and exchange resources.

Committee Member Callanan inquired if this Agreement was inter-county or just municipalities?

Sheriff DeWitt stated it is inter-county. A prime example is the unincorporated area near Daniel Island. An Agreement can be entered into with Charleston City and Charleston County.

It was moved by Committee Member Pinckney and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve the Consideration of a Resolution** authorizing the County Supervisor to enter into **Inter-jurisdictional and Mutual Aid Agreements** for law enforcement purposes after consultation with the Sheriff and County Attorney and ratification of all such prior agreements. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **adjourn** the Committee on Justice and Public Safety meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 6:46 pm.

March 8, 2010

Date Approved